19. – 22. (CANCELLED)

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 18 are now pending in the application. The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to clarify the English translation of the application and to amend the claims. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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